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LB 629, 118A, 159, 193,
239, 269, 429, 583

the 6th grade of the Ainsworth Elementary School accompanied by Bill Lewis, Principal, Dale Mundorf, Marj Wilkins, I believe, and Dave Anderson, teachers, and we welcome you to the Legislature. We are talking on budget bills today so it is all money that we are talking about. Now then another amendment, Mr. Clerk, when you get to it.

CLERK: Yes, sir, but first, Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 118A and find the same correctly engrossed; 159, 193, 239, 429, and 583, all correctly engrossed.

Mr. President, I have an Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Pirsch regarding LB 269.

Mr. President, the next motion I have is from Senator Kilgarin. Senator Kilgarin would move to return the bill for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment that I and 12 of my colleagues are offering today provides a 2.5% salary increase for state employees. The purpose is to reinstate the dollars that were reduced by the Governor in LB 628. Now LB 628 was drafted in such a way as to preclude an override on particular vetoes, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I am remiss that I and the committee did not anticipate this problem so I am offering this amendment to LB 629 to rectify that problem. What I am really offering all of you here is an opportunity in this amendment for all of you to vote on the salary for state employees, the increase, without having to override all of the Governor's other vetoes and I would urge your support for this amendment. I think it is the only fair way to go. I know Senator Wesely has an amendment that is filed to do an override on LB 628 and I have handed out a sheet, a follow-up to his sheet, as to exactly what his override attempt will accomplish and I think some of the problems are clearly pointed out in that sheet I handed out to you. Although we will be overriding about \$10.1 million for salary increase, the portions or programs within the Department of Education, the employees within those programs will not receive raises. The program that includes the property tax field staff in the Department of Revenue, those employees will not receive a raise. Portions of the Crime Commission will not receive a raise and, again, what we are doing with Wesely's override attempt, as much as I admire him for putting that before the body, we will only be giving